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that I believe I am the original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design entitled METHOD OF TRANSPARENTLY TRANSPORTING SONET STS-3C FRAME INFORMATION ACROSS A NETWORK the specification of which (check one):

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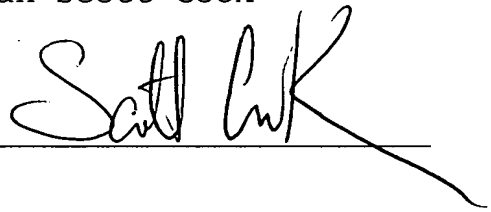
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